



KING COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

QUALITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Day/Date: Monday, June 25, 2001
Time: 3:30 – 5:00 PM
Location: Exchange Building: 810 Second Avenue, Conference Room 6A, Seattle, WA

Members Present:

Alberto Gallego
Jack Fuller
Eleanor Owen

Members Absent:

Janny Becker

Staff:

Shelle Crosby
Jean Robertson
Alan Weisser – Clinical Director United Behavioral Health (UBH)

Note Taker:

Irma Van Buskirk

Call To Order

Jack called meeting to order at 3:40 pm.

Approval of Last Minutes

A quorum was present. The April minutes were approved as written.

Announcements

Shelle announced that Jackie MacLean has been named Acting Manager of King County, Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division (MHCADSD). Jean Robertson has been named Acting Assistant Manager of MHCADSD and will be attending Quality Council (QC).

Eleanor announced that Senate bill #6153 entitled "Ticket to Work Bill" will be signed by Governor Locke tomorrow June 26, 2001. This bill will assist individuals with purchasing necessary medications on a short term basis until they acquire some form of insurance coverage.

RSN/UBH Update

Jean announced that MHCADSD has signed an extension of our current contract with the state Mental Health Department through August 31, 2001. MHCADSD has signed a new 2001 contract with the state Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA). The MHCADSD - DASA contract lacks a correct funding portion which is currently being corrected.

The JLARC recommendations were incorporated into the 2001 state mental health (MH) budget that was passed this month. A 2% per year cut in moneys received from the state for mental health services is being phased in over a course of six years.

The Mental Health Board (MHB) has elected Howard Miller as new chair. Howard will replace Willair St. Vil who has been chair for the past 3 years.

Alan Weisser, Clinical Director of United Behavioral Health (UBH) announced two internal senior management changes at UBH. Tony Van Jones has been appointed to the new position of Provider Services Director and Ken Anderson, UBH Vice President of Public Sector Division, Washington Region, has been named current King County Acting Project Director.

Alan mentioned that providers have responded to UBH's Policy & Procedures Manual. Clinical issues raised by providers were handled by UBH through focus group meetings. UBH will meet with MHCADSD this week to discuss clinical issues raised by providers. Financial aspects raised by providers are still under review by UBH and providers. These issues are also scheduled to be addressed with MCHADSD. UBH will next begin to focus on the recovery model.

Alberto raised concern regarding homeless mental health issues. Alan replied that these issues are being addressed with providers.

Shelle mentioned that the MHCADSD senior management team is forming a work group that will look at publicly funded integrated mental illness and chemical dependency services in King County.

Quality Council Membership

Shelle encouraged current QC members to inquire if MHB members would be willing to serve on the QC. Shelle will draft a flyer listing minimum qualifications required to serve on the QC. Flyers will be mailed to selected mailing lists in order to attempt to increase membership. Eleanor suggested that those who wish to serve should be required to attend orientation meetings to understand the role of the QC.

Handouts at this Meeting

None

Future Agenda Items or Enclosures

MHCADSD Current Management Indicator and Report Card Topics

Flyer - QC membership

Continued discussion on Quality Council role and membership

Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting will be:

Monday, July 23, 2001

Exchange Building, 821 Second Avenue, Conference Room 6A

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM